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Applicant(s) : Richard RÖLLIN et al.
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the five (5) documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of each document is enclosed.

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